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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *26 January 2006*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-4,8-11 and 15* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-4,8-11,15* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *06 October 2005* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

This Office Action in response to the Applicant's Remarks dated 1/26/06.The instant application having application No. 10/679,726 has a total of 9 claims pending in the application; claims 1, 4, 8, 11, and 15 have been amended; claims 5-7 and 12-14 have been canceled; no new claims have been added.

INFORMATION CONCERNING CLAIMS:

CLAIM OBJECTION

1. Claims 9-11 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The dependent claims 9-11 recite: " the method of claim 8", but the independent claim 8 is a system claim. The dependent claim must be of the same type as the parent claim

Appropriate correction is required.

CLAIM REJECTION

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See In re Goodman, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); In re Longi, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); In re Van Ornum, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); In re Vogel, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, In re Thorington, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-2, 4, 8-9, 11 and 15 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 10-12, and 19-21 of copending Application No. 10/679,662 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,898,681 B2 to Young.

This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

2. ***Claims 1, 8, and 15 of instant application (Application No. 10/673,726) are compared to claims1, 10 and 19 of copending application (Application No. 10/679,662) in the following table:***

Application No. 10/679,662	Application No. 10/679,726
Claim 1: 1. In a data storage environment having a first volume of data denominated as the source being stored on a data storage system, and a second volume of data	**Claim 1:** 1. In a data storage environment having a first volume of data denominated as the source being stored on a data storage system, and a second volume of data

denominated as the clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system, a method of managing data content during a restoration of the source, the method comprising the steps of:	denominated as a clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system, a method operable on a computer system, for managing data content during a restoration of the source, the method comprising the steps of:
restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source;	restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source,
receiving a host write request during the restoring step;	...allowing host read and writes to the source during the restore;
determining extents on the source that would be affected by the host write request if carried out; and	...determining extents of the source that affected by the host write request
if any extents affected are involved in the restoring step, then setting an indicator to	if any extents affected by the host write request are involved in the restoration and

indicate that the extents need to be re-copied.	preserving is not selected, then setting an indicator to indicate that the extents need to be re-copied. If preserving the data content of clone is selected, then not allowing the data content of the clone to be overwritten by host writes during the restoring step; and If preserving the data content of is not selected, then overwriting the data content of the clone during the restoration
Claim 10: A system for managing data content during restoration of data from a second volume of data to a first volume of data, the system comprising: a data storage system having a first volume of data denominated as the source being stored on a data storage system, and a second volume of data denominated	**Claim 8:** A system for managing data content during restoration of data from a second volume of data to a first volume of data, the system comprising: a data storage system having a first volume of data denominated as the source being stored on a data storage system,

as the clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system;	and a second volume of data denominated as the clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system;
computer-executable program logic configured for causing the following computer-executed steps to occur:	computer-executable program logic configured for causing the following computer-executed steps to occur:
restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source;	restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source,
receiving a host write request during the restoring step;	allowing host reads and writes to the source during the restore;
determining extents on the source that would be affected by the host write request if carried out; and	determining extents on the source that would be affected by the host write request;
if any extents affected are involved in the restoring step, then setting an indicator to	if any extents affected by the host write

indicate that the extents need to be re-copied.	request are involved in the restoring step, then setting an indicator to indicate that the extents need to be re-copied. If preserving the data content of clone is selected, then not allowing the data content of the clone to be overwritten by host writes during the restoring step; and If preserving the data content of is not selected, then overwriting the data content of the clone during the restoration
Claim 19: A program product for use in a data storage environment and being for managing data content during restoration of data from a second volume of data to a first volume of data, wherein the data storage environment includes: a data storage system having a first volume of data denominated as the source	**Claim 15:** A program product for use in a data storage environment and being for managing data content during restoration of data from a second volume of data to a first volume of data, wherein the data storage environment includes: a data storage system having a first

being stored on a data storage system, and a second volume of data denominated as the clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system;	volume of data denominated as the source being stored on a data storage system, and a second volume of data denominated as the clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system;
the program product includes computer-executable logic contained on a computer-readable medium and which is configured for causing the following computer executed steps to occur:	the program product includes computer-executable logic contained on a computer-readable medium and which is configured for causing the following computer executed steps to occur:
restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source;	restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source,
receiving a host write request during the restoring step;	allowing host read and to the source during the restore;
determining extents on the source that would be affected by the host write request	...determining extents on the source that

if carried out; and if any extents affected are involved in the restoring step, then setting an indicator to indicate that the extents need to be re-copied..	would be affected by the host write request; if any extents affected by the host write request are involved in the restoring step, then setting an indicator to indicate that the extents need to be re-copied If preserving the data content of clone is selected, then not allowing the data content of the clone to be overwritten by host writes during the restoring step; and If preserving the data content of is not selected, then overwriting the data content of the clone during the restoration

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the referenced copending application in view of Young.

*3. In regard to claim 1 the copending application (10/679,662) include all claim limitations shown in table above but does not includes: "*If preserving the data content of clone is selected, then not allowing the data content of the clone to be overwritten by

host writes during the restoring step; and If preserving the data content of is not selected, then overwriting the data content of the clone during the restoration"

*Young teaches: "*If preserving the data content of clone is selected, then not allowing the data content of the clone to be overwritten by host writes during the restoring step; and" **(e.g., see column 11, lines 23-30; column 20, lines 4-7)** *for not allowing the overwrite of the point in time copy.*

"If preserving the data content of is not selected, then overwriting the data content of the clone during the restoration" **(e.g., see column 11, lines 8-22; column 20, lines 1-3)** *for not allowing the overwrite of the point in time copy.*

Disclosures by instant application and Young are analogous because both references teach methods of managing data backup and restoration.

At the time of invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in art to modify the storage system taught by the Applicants to include the point in time copying method taught by Young.

The motivation for using the point in time copying method (as taught by column 11, lines 48-62 of young) would have been to enable a user to access various different point in time copies and also enables a user, if necessary or desired, to restore the data in the master store to the data stored at a particular point in time data.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine disclosures by Young and instant application to obtain the invention as specified in the claim.

Referring again to claim 1 (line 13), the Application (10/679,662) recites only "host write request" *while the Application (10/679,726) recites* "allowing host reads and

write to the source". *Young teaches this limitation (e.g., see column 15, lines 28-29 and column 18, lines 62-65) where the controller allows reads and writes to the master store or the source.*

4. Claims 8 and 15 are rejected based on the same rational shown in rejection of claim 1 above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

> (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-4 and 8-11, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,898,681 B2 to Young.

5. In regard to claim 1, Young teaches:

"In a data storage environment having a first volume of data denominated as the source being stored on a data storage system **(column 4, lines 11-15; element 6 in Fig. 1)**, and a second volume of data denominated as the clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system **(column 4, lines 11-15; element 8 in Fig. 1)**, a method of managing the data content during a restoration of the source," **(e.g., see column 1, lines 61-64; column 7, lines 30-38; element 4 in Fig. 1).** *For example the master store or volume represents the first volume and shadow store or volume represents the clone volume recited in the claim. The shadow store contains the point in time copy of master data, which is used for controlling, or managing data during the*

restoration of the master or the source. When data is overwritten, a new point in time copy is created and the previous point time is protected (e.g., not overwritten).

"the method comprising the steps of:"

"restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source;" **(e.g., see column 11, lines 55-62).**

"allowing host reads and writes to the source during the restore;" **(e.g., see column 7, lines 18-38; column 8, lines 56-61).**

"if preserving the data content of clone is selected, then not allowing the data content of the clone to be overwritten by host writes during the restoring step." **(e.g., see column 11, lines 23-30; column 20, lines 4-7; Fig. 10).** *For example a the earlier point-in-time preserved and a fresh or new point-in-time is created.*

"if preserving the data content is not selected, then overwriting the data content of the clone during the restoration and determining extents on the source affected by any host write request;" **(e.g., see column 11, lines 8-22; column 20, lines 1-3).** *For example if the user select not to preserve the previous point time copy, the user instruct the controller to overwrite or update the current point time copy and update the bitmap to indicate the extents (e.g., blocks) affected.*

"if any extents affected by the host write request are involved in the restoration and preserving is not selected, then setting an indicator to indicate that the extents need to be re-copied." **(e.g., see column 11, lines 8-22; Fig. 10).** *For example if the user select not to preserve the earlier point time, the point in time copy is overwritten and the corresponding bit in the bit map is set.*

6. In regard to claims 2 and 9 Young teaches:

"wherein the source and the clone are each represented by respective first and second logical units." **(column 2, lines 35-40; column 4, lines 11-15).** *For example Young teaches that that a plurality of volumes are grouped together as a single logical device (e.g., source logical unit). The point in time copy of logical device is stored in shadow storage, which is in separate volumes, or logical device, which represents the clone logical unit recited in the claim.*

7. In regard to claims 3 and 10 Young teaches: "wherein a map denominated as a protected restore map is used to track extents of the source that are modified during the restoring and preserving steps." **(e.g., see column 8, lines 22-40; Fig. 6a).** *For example when a block in the master store is overwritten (e.g., modified), a corresponding bit in the shadow bit map is set to logic 1.*

8. In regard to claims 4 and 11 Young teaches:

"wherein a map denominated as a clone delta map is used to track extents of the clone that are different between the clone and the source." **(e.g., see column 8, lines 22-40; Fig. 6a).** *For example copy bit map which represent clone delta map recited in the claim is used to track the data blocks which are different between the master and shadow stores. A logic 1 in the copy bit map indicates that the corresponding data in the master store is different from the shadow store. When data copied from the master to the shadow store the corresponding bit in the copy bit map is being set to a logic 0 indicating that both master store and shadow store contain identical data*

9. In regard to claim 8, Young teaches:

A system **(column 22, lines 24-26)** for managing data content during restoration of data from a second volume of data to a first volume of data," **(e.g., see column 1, lines 61-64; column 7, lines 30-38; element 4 in Fig. 1).**

"the system comprising:"

"a data storage system having a first volume of data denominated as the source being stored on a data storage system **(column 4, lines 11-15; element 6 in Fig. 1)**, and a second volume of data denominated as the clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system;" **(e.g., see column 4, lines 11-15; element 8 in Fig. 1).**

"computer-executable program logic configured for causing the following computer-executed steps to occur;" **(e.g., see column 25, lines 1-31; column 27, lines 38-46).**

"restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source;" **(e.g., see column 11, lines 55-62).**

"allowing host reads and writes to the source during the restore;" **(e.g., see column 7, lines 18-38; column 8, lines 56-61).**

"if preserving the data content of clone by not allowing it to be overwritten by host writes during the restoring step." **(e.g., see column 11, lines 23-30; column 20, lines 4-7; Fig. 10).** *For example a point in time copy of data to be overwritten is being saved in the shadow store. Therefore, a copy of data to be overwritten is preserved.*

"if preserving the data content is not selected, then overwriting the data content of the clone during the restoration and determining extents on the source affected by any host write request;" **(e.g., see column 11, lines 8-22; column 20, lines 1-3).** *For example if*

the user select not to preserve the previous point time copy, the user instruct the controller to overwrite the point time copy and update the bitmap to indicate the extents (e.g., blocks) affected.

"if any extents affected by the host write request are involved in the restoration and preserving is not selected, then setting an indicator to indicate that the extents need to be re-copied." **(e.g., see column 11, lines 8-22; Fig. 10).** *For example if the user select not to preserve the earlier point time, the point in time copy is overwritten and the corresponding bit in the bit map is set.*

10. In regard to claim 15, Young teaches:

A program product **(e.g., column 4, lines 17-19)** for use in a data storage environment and being for protecting data content during restoration of data from a second volume of data to a first volume of data," **(e.g., see column 1, lines 61-64; column 7, lines 30-38; element 4 in Fig. 1).**

"wherein the data storage environment includes:"

"a data storage system having a first volume of data denominated as the source being stored on a data storage system **(column 4, lines 11-15; element 6 in Fig. 1)**, and a second volume of data denominated as the clone and which has data content that is a copy of the data content of the source being stored on the data storage system or on another data storage system;" **(e.g., see column 4, lines 11-15; element 8 in Fig. 1).**

"the program product includes computer-executable logic contained on a computer-readable medium and which is configured for causing the following computer-executed steps to occur:" **(e.g., see column 25, lines 1-31; column 27, lines 38-46).**

"restoring the source by copying data content from the clone to overwrite the data content of the source;" **(e.g., see column 11, lines 55-62).**

"allowing host reads and writes to the source during the restore;" **(e.g., see column 7, lines 18-38; column 8, lines 56-61).**

"if preserving the data content of clone by not allowing it to be overwritten by host writes during the restoring step." **(e.g., see column 11, lines 23-30; column 20, lines 4-7).** *For example a point in time copy of data to be overwritten is being saved in the shadow store. Therefore, a copy of data to be overwritten is preserved.*

"if preserving the data content is not selected, then overwriting the data content of the clone during the restoration and determining extents on the source affected by any host write request;" **(e.g., see column 11, lines 8-22; column 20, lines 1-3).** *For example if the user select not to preserve the previous point time copy, the user instruct the controller to overwrite the point time copy and update the bitmap to indicate the extents (e.g., blocks) affected.*

"if any extents affected by the host write request are involved in the restoration and preserving is not selected, then setting an indicator to indicate that the extents need to be re-copied." **(e.g., see column 11, lines 8-22; Fig. 10).** *For example if the user select not to preserve the earlier point time, the point in time copy is overwritten and the corresponding bit in the bit map is set.*

Response to Applicant's Remarks

Because of amendment/cancellation, the rejection under 35 USC § 112 is withdrawn in this Office Action. In page 9 of the Remarks, Applicant states:

"A reading of the referred to section reveals that young teaches "overwriting and data blocks of the shadow store with corresponding data blocks of the master store where the corresponding bit of shadow bitmap is 1 indicating that the data has changed since the last point in time copy was produce."

Rather than teaching the element "restoring the source [first volume] by copying data content from the clone [second volume] to overwrite the data content of the source," and setting an indicator to indicate that the extents need to be recopied," Young teaches overwriting the shadow [second volume] with data blocks from the master [first volume] where the corresponding bit of shadow indicates that the data has changed. Hence, young fails to teach restoring a master (source) from a clone (shadow) as recited in claim 1, for example, and further fails to recite providing an "indicator to indicate that the extent need to be recopied." (Emphasis added)

The Examiner disagree, for example in column 11, lines 55-65 Young teaches:

"if necessary or desired, to restore the data in the master store 6 to the data stored at a particular point in time by overwriting the data in the master store 6 (or a copy of the data in the master store 6) with the data from the appropriate shadow store 8 where the corresponding bitmap indicates that the data in the corresponding block in the master store 6 has changed since the required point time copy was produced.

(59) In this example, a user can request, via the user interface 21 or network interface 83, recovery or restoration of a master copy from any of the available point in time copies. Once recovery has been requested then the point in time copy controller 4 will access the shadow store and bitmap store storing the point in time copy data for the selected point in time copy and carry out the operations shown in FIG. 5a"

As shown Young teaches all limitations recited in the claims. In summary Young teaches that recovery or restoration of master (or shadow) is performed upon the user desire or request. Therefore, the Examiner maintains his position and makes this action final.

Conclusion

This action is made final. *Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set in 37 CFR 1.136(a).*

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTH from the mailing date of this final action.

:IMPORTANT NOTE:

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Hashem Farrokh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4193. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from ***8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.***

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